

## **GOOCHLAND POWHATAN LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE**

### **EMERGENCY MEETING**

October 29, 2012

#### **Draft Minutes**

This emergency meeting was called to order to by the Chairperson to act on three requests presented at the October 9, 2012 meeting, which could not be presented for a vote, because there was no quorum present. The emergency session was convened at 10:10am.

#### **LHRC Members:**

Present:

Geri Venable, Chairperson

Vernell Straughter, Vice Chairperson

Brad Burdette

Absent:

Kitty Hardt, Secretary

Human Rights Advocate:

Beverly Garnes, Regional Advocate

#### **Old Business:**

The meeting began with a general discussion on the composition of the LHRC and meeting compliance of both the cooperative agreement and the committee by-laws. The most prominent issue is membership. The by-laws indicate that we must have, at a minimum, seven members, two of whom must be consumers. Consumers are defined as individuals receiving services or family members of consumers. As required by the SHRC, each LHRC's membership is reported to the SHRC, if the LHRC operates for 6 months or more without the required membership. A consequence of operating without LHRC mandated positions may be a dissolution of the LHRC, necessitating affiliates seek consolidation with other LHRC's. Recognizing the difficulty some members might have in attending the meetings, a committee member suggested that incentives can be offered, specifically gas cards in agreed upon amounts, to assist with the cost related to travel expenses.

It was decided that the committee would present this concern, via an email from the Chair to the affiliates, and request a response with names of consumer candidates by November 15<sup>th</sup> with a goal of being fully in compliance by the January 2013 meeting.

#### **New Business:**

Another concern discussed was the provision for support to the LHRC. Funds were collected from providers/affiliates to support incidentals needed for the meetings (refreshments, clerical supplies). The Chair agreed to contact Gwen Hagen, former Chair, for details on this.

- I. Membership applications –
  - A. New LHRC applications, due from affiliates by November 15<sup>th</sup>, will be reviewed prior to the January 2013 meeting.
  - B. Current LHRC applicant has some family issues and V. Straughter will contact her to determine her availability for membership.
- II. Policy Review:

Intercept Youth Services– A request was presented at the October 9<sup>th</sup> meeting to review and approve their restraint policies. Written copies of the policy were supplied. Approval was deferred due to a lack of a quorum. Motion was made by B. Burdette, seconded by V. Straughter to approve the policy as submitted. Approval vote was unanimous.
- III. Affiliation Request:
  - A. A second request was made by Intercept Youth Services to approve crisis stabilization services for a client they had previously served who now lives in Lunenburg. She is at risk of a psychiatric hospitalization and loss of her placement. Motion by V. Straughter, seconded by B. Burdette to approve request. Approval vote was unanimous.
  - B. Inner Vision Education Center – Dr. Peterson made a presentation and request for affiliation at the October 9<sup>th</sup> meeting, which was deferred due to lack of a quorum. Motion made by V. Straughter, seconded by B. Burdette to approve request. Approval vote was unanimous.
- IV. Approval of Minutes
  - A. Reviewed approval status of prior minutes for 2012. No minutes were found for the April 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.
  - B. Minutes for the July 12 and August 9<sup>th</sup> meetings were presented for approval. Motion by V. Straughter, seconded by B. Burdette to approve minutes as submitted. Vote to approve was unanimous.
- V. Meeting was adjourned at 11:15am.

Respectfully submitted,

Geri Venable  
Chairperson